Report on NEERI on Congentrix Energy Project at Mangalore

31. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed findings of the report of the National Environment, Engineering and Research Institute (NEERI) in respect of the Mangalore Energy Project of Cogentrix;

(b) the action taken by Government on these findings; and

(c) the present status of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) The 1000 MW Cogentrix Power Project, Karnataka was accorded environmental clearance in June, 1996 stipulating a number of environment safeguard measures. As per the directives of the Supreme Court, the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur submitted its report in December, 1996 covering five developmental projects including Cogentrix Thermal Power Project. It has been observed in the Report that location of the project is not inconformity with the Coastal Guidelines, coal and ash handling may contaminate ground water, likely impact on aqatic life and western ghats etc. This Ministry has filed an Affidavit in the High Court of Karnataka clarifying the issues raised in NEERI's Report where the case is presently pending.

Marketing of forest produce

32. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements have been made for the collection and marketing of forest produce under the National Policy regarding abolition of the contract system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of the Central and State Governments in the profits made by the Department of Forests from the collection and marketing of produce and the existing rules in this regard; and

(d) the details of profits made and losses incurred by each State through marketing of such product during the last three years and the current year, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (d) The informations are being collected from State Governments and will be placed on the Table of the House.

'Computerised monitoring of Compensatory forestation'

33. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any computerisation scheme to monitor the implementation of compensatory forestation and other stipulations while clearing the projects of the States;

(b) whether Government have found any State Government lacking in seriousness in implementation of the said scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has set up seven Regional Offices at Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Lucknow, Shillong, Chandigarh & Ranchi with a Headquarter Unit in the Ministry at New Delhi. Ranchi Office yet to be made functional. These Offices are equipped with computers to monitor the implementation of stipulations in respect of compensatory afforestation laid down while clearing the projects under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.

(b) and (c) Not all States have achieved the compensatory afforstation targets in full in respect of all the proposals approved. The State-wise progress of compensatory afforestation as on 30.9.1996 is annexed.

Statement

As on 30.9.1996.

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Forest Area diverted (ha)	Compensatory Afforestation stipulated(ha)	Compensatory Afforestation done(ha.)	Percentage (%)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14,231	14,600	11,258	77.10
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	844	1,377	811	58.89
3.	Assam	1,469	1,952	578	29.01
4.	Bihar	3,158	1,788	68	3.80
5.	Goa	115	94	93	98.94
6.	Gujarat	19,902	30,969	15,899	51.34
7.	Haryana	782	994	827	83.19
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3,388	7,433	3,890	52.33
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,286	1,425	288	20.21
10.	Karnataka	11,478	10,628	10,909	102.64
11.	Kerala	30,263	57,891	21,668	37.43
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2,17,333	2,43,476	92,808	38.11
13.	Maharashtra	35,958	66,392	55,909	84.21
14.	Manipur	245	-	-	-
15.	Meghalaya	177	254	270	106.30
16.	Mizoram	3,107	3,129	1,709	54.61
17.	Orissa	16,345	16,368	14,114	86.23
18.	Punjab	334	464	227	48.92
19.	Rajasthan	8,025	8,453	3,121	36.92
20.	Sikkim	409	213	1,448	679.81
21.	Tamil Nadu	4,731	941	816	86.71
22.	Tripura	221	363	363	100.00
23.	Uttar Pradesh	37,631	25,882	20,751	80.17
24.	West Bengal	8,924	1,115	836	74.87
25.	A & N Islands	2,143	1,994	2,046	102.61
26.	Dadra, Nagar & Haveli	141	262	262	100.00
	Total	4,22,640	4,98,457	2,60,969	52.36